



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: )  
Charles S. Taylor et al. ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Serial No.: 09/480,826 ) ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: January 10, 2000 )  
For: ACCESS PLATFORM FOR )  
INTERNAL MAMMARY )  
DISSECTION )

REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 135 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.607

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §135 and 37 C.F.R. §1.607, applicants respectfully request the declaration of an interference between the instant application and U.S. Pat. No 5,984,867 to Robert K. Deckman et al., attached hereto as Exhibit 1, having the proposed Counts set forth herein.

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The following documents are enclosed for filing.

(1) Request for Declaration of Interference Under 35 U.S.C. § 135 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.607,  
which includes:

- (a) Appendix A - Claim Support in Application No. 09/480,826;
- (b) Appendix B - Claim Support in Application No. 08/619,903;
- (c) Appendix C - Claim Support in Application No. 08/604,161;

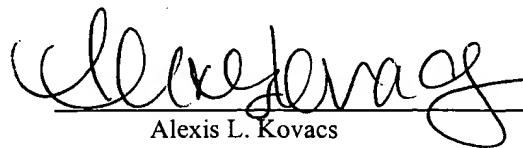
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- (d) Exhibit 1 - U.S. Patent No. 5,984,867 (Deckman et al.);
- (e) Exhibit 2 - Specification of Application No. 08/619,903;
- (f) Exhibit 3 - Specification of Application No. 08/604,161;

(2) Preliminary Amendment and Notification of Copied Claims for Proposed Interference;

(3) Receipt verification postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2475. (Customer Code Number: 22249).

Respectfully submitted,

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